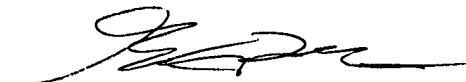


**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed June 19, 2003 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1 through 20 and 22 through 29 are noted by the Office Action as currently pending in the application. Claims 1 through 20 and 22 through 29 are subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants herein elect to prosecute the claims of Group 1, (claims 1-6), described in the Office Action as: "drawn to a method of producing a recombinant adenovirus, wherein a cell harboring any nucleic acid based on or derived from an adenovirus is employed," without traverse. Claims 7-20 and 22-29 have been cancelled as directed to the non-elected invention. This cancellation is made without prejudice and applicants may pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more related applications. Applicants have amended claims 1, 2 and 3 for clarity and to better define the present invention, and added claims 30-39. Consideration of the application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

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